

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Buco et al.**

Serial No.: **10/658,726**

Filed: **September 9, 2003**

**For: Method, Apparatus, and
Program for Scheduling Resources in
a Penalty-Based Environment**

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Group Art Unit: **2195**

Examiner: **Zhe, Meng Yao**

Attorney Docket No.: **YOR920030132US1**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.